

READ BEFORE OPERATING YOUR BOAT

Rules For Safe Operation

REMEMBER - inflatable boats are small and caution must always be used - Particularly when operating around larger boats and on open bodies of water where conditions can become unexpectedly severe.

DO NOT OVERPOWER YOUR BOAT. Overpowering your boat with too large a motor may exceed the designed speed and structural limitations of the boat resulting in hull failure or dangerously erratic performance.

IMPORTANT - Do not overload your boat. Overloading is cited by the Coast Guard as a major cause of capsizing.

FLOTATION DEVICES - Federal and State laws require that a Coast Guard approved Personal Flotation Device be carried for each person aboard. Life jackets are best - and the best place to carry them is on all persons in the boat. If personal flotation devices are not worn by the crew, they should be stowed where they are readily available. Do not store under equipment or in storage compartments.

TAKE NO CHANCES! Know the weather forecast - and know where Small Craft Warnings are posted. Do not venture into open water if winds exceed 15 MPH, waves exceed 15 inches in height or Small Craft Warnings are posted.

SMALL CRAFT WARNING: This is represented by One Red Pennant during the day and a red light over a white light by night. The Small Craft Warning indicates that winds and seas, or sea conditions alone are hazardous to small craft operations. The small craft warning is an indication of either existing or forecast conditions.

BE CAREFUL not to exceed the limitations of the boat or the operator. If you are not experienced in operating small boats, it is suggested that you take a class in piloting, seamanship, and small boat sailing.

CAPSIZING is the one of the leading causes of fatalities in boating. To prevent capsizing, always board and leave your boat by stepping on the boats centerline. Do not step on the gunwale as balance will be difficult to maintain and capsizing is possible.

If capsizing should occur, stay with your boat until help arrives. It will not sink and is far easier for rescuers to see than a lone swimmer.

ALWAYS check with the local authorities for regulations governing registration and operating of your boat.

WIND can cause your inflatable boat to drift away very quickly. If you are going to swim from an inflatable boat, it is best to leave one person aboard who is capable of maneuvering the boat and helping swimmers aboard.

Have a safe and fun time on the water.



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Limited Warranty

STANSPOORT only warrants this inflatable boat for the first inflation prior to use. Inflate first, let stand for a few hours and then check the entire boat for leaks carefully. The warranty will "NOT" apply once the boat has been used in the water.

Instructions

How to inflate boat:

1. Locate the two air valves on the right and left sides of the boat. Then unscrew and remove the center portion of the brass air valve.
2. When this is done, loosen only the second portion of above valve.
3. Now affix the hand pump onto the air valve (Being careful not to use excessive force). The hand pump should give a good volume of air when inflating. If not, loosen pump at its point of attachment to valve until the air flow is improved.

IMPORTANT - Inflate only until the boat feels "firm to the touch" and has taken its full shape. Be careful not to over-inflate so as to cause ballooning of the fabric (material).

4. Remove pump, tighten air-lock valve and replace center portion of valve.
5. Repeat above instructions for the second valve.

How to inflate seats:

Find a comfortable place to sit down and inflate seats using lung power thru air-plug provided. Replace air-lock stopper when done.

Care and Maintenance

IMPORTANT REMINDER - To avoid over-inflation always inflate with a hand, foot or electric pump designed for inflating boats. **DO NOT** use a compressor of the type made for inflating automobile tires. To do so may cause over-inflation and rupture of the air chambers.

Inflate the boat so that each of the air chambers are wrinkle free and firm to the touch. Note: Air expands as temperature rises. To eliminate the possibility of over inflation, always reduce air pressure in all chambers when the boat is going to be left in direct sunlight or when there may be an increase in temperature. **WARNING: OVER-INFLATION MAY CAUSE RUPTURING OF AIR CHAMBERS**

As with any inflatable boat, care must be taken to prevent punctures. Avoid damaging boat on sharp objects such as rocks, branches and glass. Always carry your boat. Never drag it on the ground. Punctures can be repaired by using the repair kit furnished with your boat.

The boat should be cleaned with fresh water before storage. Avoid contact with gasoline and solvents as they can have a degrading effect on inflatable boat fabrics. Should the boat come in contact with any of these materials, wash it with a mild detergent and fresh water. Rinse and dry thoroughly and store in a cool dry place.

Thank you for taking STANSPOORT outdoors